GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY REGARDING TUBERCULOSIS
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tuberculosis disease is rising in alarming proportions;

(b) whether the W.H.O. and the Central Government have conducted any survey recently regarding this disease; and

(c) if so, the time by which the latest survey conducted and the main findings of the survey?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) No, Sir. The number of TB cases reported under the National TB Control programme have been more or less the same during the last five years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The only authentic survey on a country-wide basis on the magnitude of TB problem in the country was conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) from 1955-58. To estimate the annual risk of TB infection (ARI) in different parts of the country, a study is being conducted by National TB Institute, Bangalore in collaboration with TB Research Centre, Chennai; mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Wardha and New Delhi TB Centre since January 2000 and is to be completed in about three years.